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MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

August 1994
Data

A Monthly Review of Labor Market Information

Highlights

Missouri labor market conditions were little different in August than in July.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.5 percent, while not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment edged up a tenth of a point to 4.7 percent. Total household employment decreased somewhat, as summer jobs began to end. Since the drop was less than the usual seasonal decline in August, seasonally adjusted unemployment edged up, continuing the trend which began in April.

Seasonal movements, primarily in government, dominated monthly payroll employment developments. The total was down by 1,200 jobs from July. Over the year, however, broad-based employment gains have pushed employment up by 67,600 jobs.

Seasonal changes also accounted for most of the movement in the St. Louis labor market between July and August. Unemployment was unchanged over the month, while employment dipped seasonally. Substantial improvement in the labor market has continued over the year, however. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 32,300 jobs between August 1993 and August 1994, with major gains in construction, transportation, utilities, business services, and engineering and management services. Over-the-year job losses continued in manufacturing, although at a slower pace.

Unemployment in the Kansas City MSA edged back up to 4.7 percent, after temporarily dipping to 4.5 percent in July. Seasonal losses in government, plus losses in services; finance, insurance, and real estate; and air transportation contributed to the increased in unemployment. Payroll employment edged up slightly, reflecting the return from layoff of 1,700 auto workers. Over the year, payroll employment has grown by 20,700 jobs, with notable gains in construction, local government, and business services, among others. Manufacturing employment is up by 1,100 jobs over the year, mostly in nondurable goods industries.

The Springfield unemployment rate edged up two-tenths of a point to 3.2 percent in August. Nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged over the month, at 142,900 jobs. Since August 1993, payrolls have grown by 6,100 jobs, a gain of 4.5 percent.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

Labor Market Area/County	Current Month - August 1994 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - July 1994 (Revised)				One Year Ago - August 1993 (Benchmarked)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	131,189	123,166	8,023	6.1	130,457	122,452	8,005	6.1	128,334	119,692	8,642	6.7
MISSOURI	2,680,367	2,558,519	121,848	4.5	2,661,703	2,543,244	118,459	4.5	2,646,912	2,474,369	172,543	6.5
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	132,361	124,493	7,868	5.9	132,783	124,503	8,281	6.2	129,472	121,002	8,470	6.5
MISSOURI	2,694,192	2,566,831	127,361	4.7	2,715,728	2,590,670	125,058	4.6	2,661,212	2,482,668	178,544	6.7
METROPOLITAN AREAS (MSAs)												
ST. LOUIS	1,307,567	1,245,616	61,951	4.7	1,321,019	1,259,025	61,994	4.7	1,284,482	1,194,187	90,295	7.0
Franklin	42,759	40,941	1,818	4.3	43,314	41,425	1,889	4.4	42,193	39,113	3,080	7.3
Jefferson	94,391	90,118	4,273	4.5	95,297	91,183	4,114	4.3	92,307	86,094	6,213	6.7
Lincoln	15,198	14,430	768	5.1	15,462	14,601	861	5.6	15,376	13,786	1,590	10.3
St. Charles	130,328	125,620	4,708	3.6	132,093	127,104	4,989	3.8	129,383	120,010	9,373	7.2
St Louis County	557,902	537,726	20,176	3.6	563,284	544,080	19,204	3.4	542,302	513,714	28,588	5.3
Warren	10,538	9,981	557	5.3	10,646	10,099	547	5.1	10,432	9,535	897	8.6
St. Louis City	178,120	164,273	13,847	7.8	179,295	166,214	13,081	7.3	174,281	156,937	17,344	10.0
KANSAS CITY	910,132	867,762	42,370	4.7	920,072	878,353	41,719	4.5	884,216	833,055	51,161	5.8
Cass	37,325	35,525	1,800	4.8	37,328	35,756	1,572	4.2	35,947	33,993	1,954	5.4
Clay	94,680	91,101	3,579	3.8	95,971	91,696	4,275	4.5	92,193	87,174	5,019	5.4
Clinton	8,615	8,206	409	4.7	8,760	8,260	500	5.7	8,233	7,853	380	4.6
Jackson	352,630	334,028	18,602	5.3	353,949	336,208	17,741	5.0	343,728	319,628	24,100	7.0
Lafayette	15,598	14,931	667	4.3	15,771	15,028	743	4.7	15,187	14,287	900	5.9
Platte	38,116	36,791	1,325	3.5	38,336	37,031	1,305	3.4	36,907	35,205	1,702	4.6
Ray	10,594	9,975	619	5.8	10,806	10,040	766	7.1	10,513	9,545	968	9.2
SPRINGFIELD	154,794	149,874	4,920	3.2	155,777	151,149	4,628	3.0	149,106	141,530	7,576	5.1
Christian	20,414	19,793	621	3.0	20,579	19,961	618	3.0	19,597	18,691	906	4.6
Greene	122,270	118,442	3,828	3.1	123,035	119,450	3,585	2.9	117,876	111,848	6,028	5.1
Webster	12,109	11,639	470	3.9	12,163	11,738	425	3.5	11,633	10,991	642	5.5
JOPLIN	71,642	67,769	3,873	5.4	72,224	68,654	3,570	4.9	70,603	65,813	4,790	6.8
Jasper	47,024	45,140	1,884	4.0	47,778	45,730	2,048	4.3	46,232	43,838	2,394	5.2
Newton	24,618	22,629	1,989	8.1	24,446	22,924	1,522	6.2	24,371	21,975	2,396	9.8
COLUMBIA	69,092	67,463	1,629	2.4	69,874	68,267	1,607	2.3	68,937	66,496	2,441	3.5
Boone	69,092	67,463	1,629	2.4	69,874	68,267	1,607	2.3	68,937	66,496	2,441	3.5
ST. JOSEPH	45,428	42,135	3,293	7.2	45,558	42,575	2,983	6.5	48,073	43,461	4,612	9.6
Andrew	7,034	6,650	384	5.5	7,054	6,719	335	4.7	7,393	6,859	534	7.2
Buchanan	38,394	35,485	2,909	7.6	38,504	35,856	2,648	6.9	40,680	36,602	4,078	10.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)												
ADAIR-SCHUYLER	14,920	14,448	472	3.2	15,530	14,997	533	3.4	14,592	13,908	684	4.7
Adair	12,838	12,463	375	2.9	13,366	12,936	430	3.2	12,534	11,997	537	4.3
Schuyler	2,082	1,985	97	4.7	2,164	2,061	103	4.8	2,058	1,911	147	7.1
BUTLER-CARTER-RIPLEY	23,876	22,332	1,544	6.5	24,028	22,427	1,601	6.7	24,308	22,210	2,098	8.6
Butler	17,195	16,209	986	5.7	17,374	16,278	1,096	6.3	17,523	16,121	1,402	8.0
Carter	2,225	2,063	162	7.3	2,222	2,071	151	6.8	2,286	2,051	235	10.3
Ripley	4,457	4,060	397	8.9	4,430	4,077	353	8.0	4,497	4,038	459	10.2
CAMDEN-MILLER	25,431	24,331	1,100	4.3	25,606	24,498	1,108	4.3	25,121	23,509	1,612	6.4
Camden	14,512	13,903	609	4.2	14,598	13,999	599	4.1	14,285	13,434	851	6.0
Miller	10,919	10,428	491	4.5	11,009	10,499	510	4.6	10,836	10,075	761	7.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU-SCOTT-NEW MADRID	69,574	65,920	3,654	5.3	69,900	66,181	3,719	5.3	68,969	64,038	4,931	7.1
Bollinger	4,499	4,265	234	5.2	4,520	4,282	238	5.3	4,471	4,144	327	7.3
Cape Girardeau	32,521	31,305	1,216	3.7	32,724	31,428	1,296	4.0	32,413	30,411	2,002	6.2
Mississippi	6,045	5,377	668	11.1	6,075	5,398	677	11.1	5,823	5,223	600	10.3
New Madrid	8,302	7,695	607	7.3	8,313	7,726	587	7.1	8,116	7,476	640	7.9
Scott	18,207	17,278	929	5.1	18,268	17,346	922	5.0	18,145	16,784	1,361	7.5
COLE-CALLAWAY-MONITEAU	64,000	61,669	2,331	3.6	64,448	62,165	2,283	3.5	65,446	62,000	3,446	5.3
Callaway	17,220	16,627	593	3.4	17,366	16,760	606	3.5	17,736	16,716	1,020	5.8
Cole	34,170	32,936	1,234	3.6	34,373	33,201	1,172	3.4	34,801	33,113	1,688	4.9
Moniteau	6,181	5,936	245	4.0	6,203	5,983	220	3.5	6,335	5,967	368	5.8
Osage	6,431	6,171	260	4.0	6,505	6,220	285	4.4	6,573	6,204	369	5.6
HOWELL-OREGON-SHANNON	22,983	21,286	1,697	7.4	23,431	21,608	1,823	7.8	23,288	21,591	1,697	7.3
Howell	15,605	14,283	1,322	8.5	15,901	14,499	1,402	8.8	15,564	14,487	1,077	6.9
Oregon	3,874	3,668	206	5.3	3,973	3,724	249	6.3	4,026	3,721	305	7.6
Shannon	3,504	3,335	169	4.8	3,558	3,386	172	4.8	3,698	3,383	315	8.5
LAWRENCE-BARRY	27,531	26,252	1,279	4.6	28,094	26,740	1,354	4.8	27,879	26,014	1,865	6.7
Barry	13,110	12,496	614	4.7	13,320	12,728	592	4.4	13,339	12,383	956	7.2
Lawrence	14,421	13,756	665	4.6	14,773	14,012	761	5.2	14,539	13,631	908	6.2
MARION-RALLS	19,194	18,428	766	4.0	19,269	18,477	792	4.1	19,492	18,095	1,397	7.2
Marion	14,521	13,914	607	4.2	14,597	13,951	646	4.4	14,801	13,663	1,138	7.7
Ralls	4,673	4,514	159	3.4	4,672	4,526	146	3.1	4,691	4,432	259	5.5
PHELPS-MARIES	20,181	19,319	862	4.3	20,575	19,752	823	4.0	20,475	19,121	1,354	6.6
Maries	3,744	3,619	125	3.3	3,869	3,700	169	4.4	3,842	3,581	261	6.8
Phelps	16,437	15,700	737	4.5	16,706	16,052	654	3.9	16,633	15,540	1,093	6.6
ST. FRANCOIS-WASHINGTON	28,010	25,592	2,418	8.6	28,305	25,774	2,531	8.9	28,630	25,331	3,299	11.5
St. Francois	20,143	18,530	1,613	8.0	20,400	18,662	1,738	8.5	20,609	18,341	2,268	11.0
Washington	7,867	7,062	805	10.2	7,905	7,112	793	10.0	8,021	6,990	1,031	12.9

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	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
OTHER COUNTIES												
Atchison	2,676	2,591	85	3.2	2,805	2,729	76	2.7	2,811	2,639	172	6.1
Audrain	11,023	10,548	475	4.3	11,105	10,694	411	3.7	11,328	10,670	658	5.8
Barton	6,050	5,866	184	3.0	6,127	5,893	234	3.8	6,152	5,884	268	4.4
Bates	7,063	6,672	391	5.5	7,029	6,650	379	5.4	7,212	6,667	545	7.6
Benton	5,652	5,336	316	5.6	5,712	5,362	350	6.1	5,811	5,292	519	8.9
Caldwell	3,314	3,133	181	5.5	3,386	3,124	262	7.7	3,454	3,172	282	8.2
Carroll	4,751	4,499	252	5.3	4,938	4,682	256	5.2	5,145	4,542	603	11.7
Cedar	5,252	5,023	229	4.4	5,397	5,159	238	4.4	5,257	4,867	390	7.4
Chariton	4,045	3,838	207	5.1	4,092	3,891	201	4.9	4,243	3,814	429	10.1
Clark	3,241	3,133	108	3.3	3,428	3,169	259	7.6	3,728	3,307	421	11.3
Cooper	8,209	7,984	225	2.7	8,367	8,069	298	3.6	8,448	7,960	488	5.8
Crawford	9,738	9,207	531	5.5	9,732	9,207	525	5.4	9,811	8,916	895	9.1
Dade	2,944	2,812	132	4.5	3,034	2,859	175	5.8	3,099	2,919	180	5.8
Dallas	5,833	5,532	301	5.2	5,933	5,620	313	5.3	5,900	5,422	478	8.1
Daviess	3,071	2,914	157	5.1	3,052	2,902	150	4.9	3,174	2,917	257	8.1
DeKalb	4,091	3,911	180	4.4	4,104	3,919	185	4.5	4,383	4,101	282	6.4
Dent	6,084	5,666	418	6.9	6,079	5,685	394	6.5	6,055	5,575	480	7.9
Douglas	5,622	5,241	381	6.8	5,602	5,346	256	4.6	5,482	5,133	349	6.4
Dunklin	12,647	11,688	959	7.6	12,732	11,769	963	7.6	12,635	11,336	1,299	10.3
Gasconade	6,737	6,413	324	4.8	6,695	6,384	311	4.6	7,270	6,449	821	11.3
Gentry	3,266	3,170	96	2.9	3,260	3,168	92	2.8	3,321	3,180	141	4.2
Grundy	5,104	4,633	471	9.2	4,793	4,610	183	3.8	4,876	4,574	302	6.2
Harrison	4,009	3,880	129	3.2	3,990	3,892	98	2.5	3,978	3,798	180	4.5
Henry	8,910	8,408	502	5.6	9,023	8,466	557	6.2	9,066	8,382	684	7.5
Hickory	2,635	2,484	151	5.7	2,623	2,474	149	5.7	2,775	2,552	223	8.0
Holt	2,875	2,740	135	4.7	2,905	2,800	105	3.6	2,943	2,718	225	7.6
Howard	4,682	4,520	162	3.5	4,820	4,631	189	3.9	4,601	4,299	302	6.6
Iron	4,074	3,668	406	10.0	3,944	3,542	402	10.2	4,022	3,564	458	11.4
Johnson	19,884	19,145	739	3.7	20,066	19,286	780	3.9	19,387	18,404	983	5.1
Knox	1,773	1,694	79	4.5	1,733	1,671	62	3.6	1,878	1,786	92	4.9
Laclede	12,945	12,279	666	5.1	12,938	12,228	710	5.5	12,924	11,884	1,040	8.0
Lewis	4,903	4,741	162	3.3	4,947	4,758	189	3.8	5,243	4,783	460	8.8
Linn	6,425	5,890	535	8.3	6,503	6,006	497	7.6	6,602	5,877	725	11.0
Livingston	6,712	6,384	328	4.9	6,797	6,486	311	4.6	6,749	6,396	353	5.2
McDonald	6,642	6,192	450	6.8	6,574	6,203	371	5.6	6,523	6,000	523	8.0
Macon	7,054	6,673	381	5.4	7,430	6,840	590	7.9	7,626	6,891	735	9.6
Madison	4,221	3,893	328	7.8	4,219	3,868	351	8.3	4,397	3,907	490	11.1
Mercer	2,098	1,992	106	5.1	2,043	1,963	80	3.9	1,880	1,802	78	4.1
Monroe	4,071	3,899	172	4.2	4,053	3,888	165	4.1	4,251	4,004	247	5.8
Montgomery	5,595	5,333	262	4.7	5,420	5,164	256	4.7	5,669	5,179	490	8.6
Morgan	7,434	7,107	327	4.4	7,637	7,312	325	4.3	7,643	7,122	521	6.8
Nodaway	12,211	11,965	246	2.0	11,949	11,658	291	2.4	11,299	11,007	292	2.6
Ozark	3,927	3,749	178	4.5	3,963	3,770	193	4.9	4,023	3,782	241	6.0
Pemiscot	7,188	6,041	1,147	16.0	7,151	6,072	1,079	15.1	7,731	6,716	1,015	13.1
Perry	9,674	9,308	366	3.8	9,519	9,137	382	4.0	9,931	9,100	831	8.4
Pettis	18,692	17,599	1,093	5.8	18,626	17,577	1,049	5.6	18,819	17,389	1,430	7.6
Pike	6,808	6,426	382	5.6	6,958	6,567	391	5.6	7,111	6,455	656	9.2
Polk	9,880	9,415	465	4.7	10,020	9,567	453	4.5	9,994	9,463	531	5.3
Pulaski	11,767	11,046	721	6.1	11,872	11,145	727	6.1	12,101	10,975	1,126	9.3
Putnam	2,099	2,026	73	3.5	2,114	2,053	61	2.9	2,140	2,034	106	5.0
Randolph	9,658	9,088	570	5.9	9,708	9,167	541	5.6	9,910	9,087	823	8.3
Reynolds	2,984	2,801	183	6.1	3,007	2,820	187	6.2	2,986	2,757	229	7.7
St. Clair	3,578	3,394	184	5.1	3,573	3,397	176	4.9	3,720	3,473	247	6.6
Ste. Genevieve	8,361	7,974	387	4.6	8,254	7,896	358	4.3	8,627	7,761	866	10.0
Saline	10,886	10,399	487	4.5	11,032	10,550	482	4.4	10,931	10,179	752	6.9
Scotland	2,247	2,183	64	2.8	2,153	2,103	50	2.3	2,380	2,282	98	4.1
Shelby	3,020	2,906	114	3.8	3,058	2,951	107	3.5	3,214	3,051	163	5.1
Stoddard	12,766	11,856	910	7.1	12,725	11,843	882	6.9	12,746	11,561	1,185	9.3
Stone	12,761	12,226	535	4.2	12,987	12,476	511	3.9	12,637	11,945	692	5.5
Sullivan	2,686	2,574	112	4.2	2,606	2,507	99	3.8	2,548	2,421	127	5.0
Taney	25,969	25,133	836	3.2	26,427	25,651	776	2.9	25,292	24,297	995	3.9
Texas	8,874	8,137	737	8.3	8,984	8,263	721	8.0	9,397	8,137	1,260	13.4
Vernon	8,410	8,065	345	4.1	8,025	7,694	331	4.1	8,835	8,365	470	5.3
Wayne	4,148	3,367	781	18.8	4,142	3,358	784	18.9	4,167	3,513	654	15.7
Worth	908	869	39	4.3	908	874	34	3.7	961	916	45	4.7
Wright	7,878	7,082	796	10.1	7,967	7,217	750	9.4	8,055	7,324	731	9.1

NOTES: Data within shaded areas are not comparable to 1994 data.
Data for counties within MSAs/LMAs are prepared by disaggregation from MSA/LMA totals.

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri labor market conditions were little different in August than in July.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.5 percent, while not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment edged up a tenth of a point to 4.7 percent.

Total household employment decreased by 23,900 to 2,566,800, as summer jobs began to end. Because the decrease was less than the expected seasonal drop, seasonally adjusted employment edged up somewhat, continuing the trend which began in April.

Nonfarm payroll employment also decreased less than expected in August. Continuing seasonal decreases in government provided most of the month's movement. Amusement and recreation services and membership organizations also experienced some decrease in employment, as the summer recreation season began to wind down. These drops were partly offset by gains in retail trade (3,400 jobs, half in eating and drinking places) and in motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing (2,200 jobs) with the end of a retooling layoff in the automobile industry. Most other durable goods manufacturing industries experienced some gain over the month.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in August was 2,470,000 jobs, down by 1,200 jobs from July but up by 67,600 over the past year.

The over-the-year gains were broadly based. Construction employment has been particularly strong, and the latest month was no exception. Construction jobs totaled 114,200 in August, a gain of 11,200 or 10.9 percent since August 1993. Even manufacturing is up by 2,400 jobs over the past 12 months, reaching 413,400. The only major decreases over the past year were in leather manufacturing (2,600 jobs), aircraft manufacturing (1,200 jobs) and federal government (2,600 jobs).

The factory workweek bounced back up to 42.3 hours in August, about the average for the past four months. Movements in overtime in the automobile industry often cause swings in the total figure. In that industry, the workweek increased to 48.0 hours in August from an average 44.1 the month before. Average hourly earnings of all manufacturing production workers slipped back by 7 cents to $11.54, but the increase in hours moved weekly earnings up by $1.68 to $488.14. This average was $16.15 or 3.4 percent higher than in August 1993.

Construction worker earnings slipped back a little, despite the workweek remaining at an unusually high 40.2 hours. Earnings averaged $18.50 an hour and $743.70 a week, down from July by 7 cents an hour and $11.66 a week. Weekly earnings averaged 12.6 percent higher than in August 1993.

Private service-producing hours and earnings were virtually unchanged from July. Weekly earnings averaged 1.5 percent above the year-earlier level.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The economy grew somewhat more rapidly in the second quarter than previously estimated. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at an annual rate of 4.1 percent, up from the earlier 3.8 percent estimate. Although increases in net exports and government spending accounted for part of the upward revision, most was due to higher inventory investment, primarily farm cattle. A buildup of inventories can lead to slower production, as businesses attempt to work down existing stocks before producing new products. Consumer spending was slower than earlier estimated.

Retail sales increased in August after showing no change the previous month. Automobile sales recovered from the July decline, which was partly the result of a shortage of popular models. Sales of other durable goods also rebounded in the month, while growth in the nondurable goods sector was about the same as in July. Despite this rebound, growth has slowed from the pace of the first quarter.

Labor market conditions were relatively unchanged in August. The unemployment rate remained at 6.1 percent of the labor force, seasonally adjusted, despite a gain of 179,000 jobs. The monthly increase in employment was below the average for the year to date.

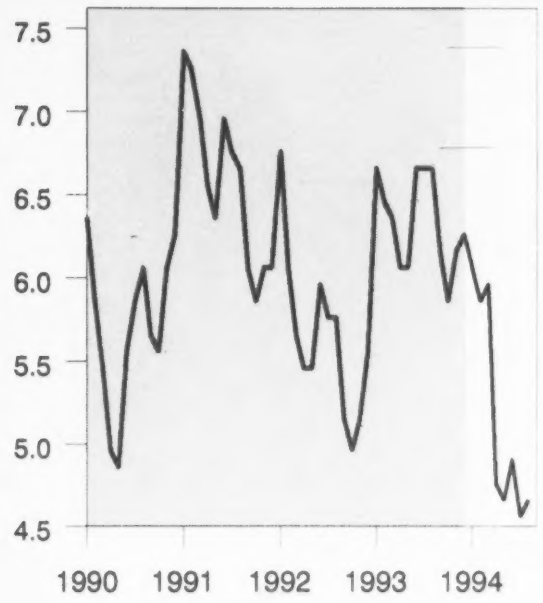
More than two-thirds of the jobs growth was in the services industry, especially business, health, and social services. Growth slowed in the personnel services component of business services, however. Manufacturing employment grew by 32,000 jobs, as the automobile, machinery, and electronic equipment manufacturing industries all expanded. Construction employment was little changed over the month.

Outlook

Continuing moderate economic growth still seems to be the watchword. Consumer confidence fell for the third straight month in September, according to a widely followed index. Even so, the current level of consumer confidence is consistent with continuing economic growth.

Payroll employment normally increases in September, with the reopening of schools and colleges, while unemployment drops during the fall to its lowest levels of the year.

Missouri Unemployment Rate



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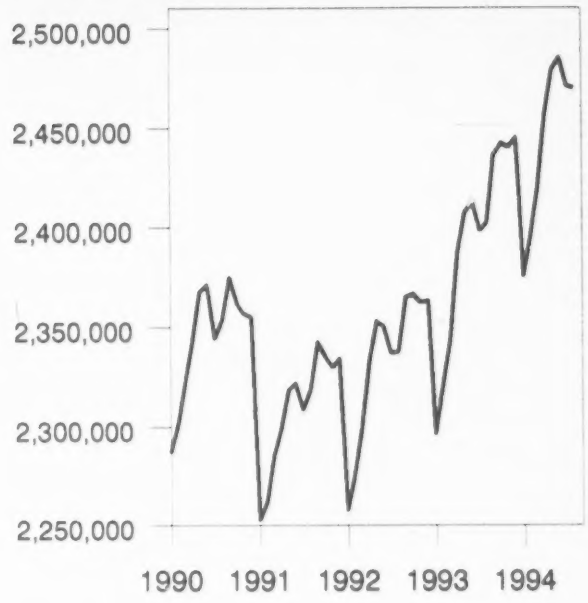
Missouri Payroll Employment



Explanatory Notes

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Data. Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1994 are preliminary and not directly comparable to 1993 and earlier data because of changes in methodology.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been adjusted to the March 1993 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

Areas. Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are the official Office of Management and Budget designations which became effective December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles and Warren counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois. For data purposes, the portion of Sullivan in Crawford County is not included.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene, Christian and Webster counties.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Number of Jobs: August 1994 P	July 1994	August 1993	Change from: July 1994	August 1993
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,476,500	2,474,900	2,408,200	1,600	68,300
MINING	4,100	4,200	4,400	-100	-300
CONSTRUCTION	107,100	107,400	95,800	-300	11,300
MANUFACTURING	413,900	408,200	410,500	5,700	3,400
DURABLE GOODS	227,100	222,300	222,000	4,800	5,100
NONDURABLE GOODS	186,800	185,900	188,500	900	-1,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	154,400	154,400	153,300	0	1,100
TRADE	580,900	580,800	572,900	100	8,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	138,800	139,400	138,100	-600	700
RETAIL TRADE	442,100	441,400	434,800	700	7,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	144,100	144,000	141,600	100	2,500
SERVICES	687,800	688,700	652,300	-900	35,500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	384,200	387,200	377,400	-3,000	6,800
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,470,000	2,471,200	2,402,400	-1,200	67,600
GOODS PRODUCING	531,900	526,800	518,600	5,100	13,300
MINING	4,300	4,300	4,600	0	-300
CONSTRUCTION	114,200	113,700	103,000	500	11,200
General Building Contractors	28,800	28,400	26,600	400	2,200
Heavy Construction	15,400	15,100	13,300	300	2,100
Special Trade Contractors	70,000	70,200	63,100	-200	6,900
MANUFACTURING	413,400	408,800	411,000	4,600	2,400
DURABLE GOODS	226,600	222,100	221,700	4,500	4,900
Lumber & Wood Products	12,300	12,200	11,800	100	500
Furniture & Fixtures	15,400	14,800	13,000	600	2,400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,200	11,000	10,600	200	600
Primary Metal Industries	12,300	12,200	11,800	100	500
Fabricated Metal Products	33,700	34,000	33,400	-300	300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	34,900	34,100	33,200	800	1,700
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	32,600	31,700	32,100	900	500
Transportation Equipment	55,300	52,900	56,400	2,400	-1,100
Motor vehicles & equipment	25,400	23,200	25,300	2,200	100
Aircraft & parts	25,900	26,000	27,100	-100	-1,200
Instruments & Related Products	11,000	11,000	11,100	0	-100
NONDURABLE GOODS	186,800	186,700	189,300	100	-2,500
Food & Kindred Products	49,700	49,600	50,200	100	-500
Beverages	9,700	9,700	9,700	0	0
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	22,600	22,600	22,800	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	14,400	14,400	14,100	0	300
Printing & Publishing	43,200	43,300	42,800	-100	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	27,900	27,900	28,600	0	-700
Leather & Leather Products	8,500	8,600	11,100	-100	-2,600
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,938,100	1,944,400	1,883,800	-6,300	54,300
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	1,583,700	1,582,000	1,536,100	1,700	47,600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	154,200	154,400	153,100	-200	1,100
Railroad Transportation	9,600	9,600	8,600	0	1,000
Trucking & Warehousing	50,300	50,200	49,600	100	700
Transportation by Air	18,500	18,900	18,700	-400	-200
Communications	36,100	36,000	36,600	100	-500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service	20,400	20,500	20,800	-100	-400
TRADE	588,400	585,600	580,100	2,800	8,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	139,200	139,800	138,500	-600	700
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	76,100	76,400	76,600	-300	-500
Motor vehicles, parts & supplies	12,300	12,400	12,400	-100	-100
Lumber & construction materials	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
Professional & commercial equipment	14,800	14,800	15,100	0	-300
Electrical goods	9,000	9,000	8,800	0	200
Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment	6,400	6,400	6,200	0	200
Machinery, equipment & supplies	17,400	17,500	17,500	-100	-100
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63,100	63,400	61,900	-300	1,200
Groceries & related	18,200	18,300	17,900	-100	300
Petroleum & petroleum products	4,800	4,900	4,800	-100	0
Beer, wine & distilled beverages	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	449,200	445,800	441,600	3,400	7,600
Building materials & garden supplies	18,900	19,100	18,700	-200	200
General merchandise stores	62,500	61,900	59,000	600	3,500
Food stores	61,600	61,400	61,100	200	500
Automotive dealers/service stations	55,600	55,200	53,900	400	1,700
Apparel & accessory stores	22,800	22,400	22,600	400	200
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	15,400	15,400	15,200	0	200
Eating & drinking places	167,200	165,500	166,300	1,700	900

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	August 1994[p]	July 1994	August 1993	July 1994	August 1993
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	145,700	145,700	143,100	0	2,600
Depository Institutions	45,200	45,400	46,000	-200	-800
Nondepository Institutions	9,200	9,100	8,800	100	400
Security & Commodity Brokers	15,200	15,300	14,000	-100	1,200
Insurance Carriers	30,400	30,500	30,600	-100	-200
Insurance Agents, Brokers	14,300	14,300	13,900	0	400
Real Estate	27,300	27,000	25,900	300	1,400
Holding & Other Investment Offices	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
SERVICES	695,400	696,300	659,800	-900	35,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	34,400	34,300	33,900	100	500
Personal Services	28,500	28,600	25,800	-100	2,700
Business Services	122,800	121,700	110,900	1,100	11,900
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	23,800	23,100	21,700	700	2,100
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	46,100	47,600	41,800	-1,500	4,300
Health Services	224,100	224,300	218,100	-200	6,000
Hospitals (private)	105,100	105,300	103,900	-200	1,200
Legal Services	16,100	16,200	15,600	-100	500
Educational Services (private)	39,700	39,700	37,200	0	2,500
Social Services	44,600	44,600	44,900	0	-300
Membership Organizations	51,500	52,400	51,000	-900	500
Engineering & Management Services	42,200	42,100	38,200	100	4,000
Agricultural Services	12,200	12,400	11,800	-200	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	354,400	362,400	347,700	-8,000	6,700
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	65,600	67,800	68,200	-2,200	-2,600
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	89,400	90,100	87,700	-700	1,700
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	199,400	204,500	191,800	-5,100	7,600

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Aug 1994[p]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[p]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[p]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[p]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	388,600	382,800	371,100	41.8	41.5	40.2	$13.16	$13.31	$12.80	$550.09	$552.37	$514.56
CONSTRUCTION	92,900	92,600	81,500	40.2	40.2	37.5	18.50	18.79	17.61	743.70	755.36	660.38
MANUFACTURING	292,200	286,700	286,100	42.3	41.9	40.9	11.54	11.61	11.54	488.14	486.46	471.99
DURABLE GOODS	161,500	156,200	154,200	42.6	41.8	41.2	12.19	12.33	12.31	519.29	515.39	507.17
Lumber & Wood Products	9,700	9,700	9,100	42.7	40.6	38.0	8.11	8.54	8.17	346.30	346.72	310.46
Furniture & Fixtures	12,100	11,500	10,100	41.3	37.9	40.2	8.99	9.26	8.72	371.29	350.95	350.54
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,700	8,500	8,200	42.1	43.6	41.7	12.38	12.53	12.18	521.20	546.31	507.91
Primary Metal Industries	9,400	9,400	8,900	48.9	49.4	42.9	13.12	13.19	13.11	641.57	651.59	562.42
Fabricated Metal Products	24,200	24,200	23,100	42.4	40.8	42.4	11.68	11.65	12.09	495.23	475.32	512.62
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	25,100	24,400	23,400	40.9	41.5	39.6	11.49	11.53	11.69	469.94	478.50	462.92
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	25,800	24,600	24,600	41.8	42.3	40.8	9.89	10.13	9.43	413.40	428.50	384.74
Transportation Equipment	35,100	32,600	35,700	44.5	42.7	43.1	17.32	17.75	17.38	770.74	757.93	749.08
Motor vehicles & equipment	22,300	20,000	21,800	48.0	44.1	44.4	18.16	18.43	17.51	871.68	812.76	777.44
Instruments & Related Products	5,500	5,400	4,800	40.8	38.9	39.8	10.24	10.37	10.70	417.79	403.39	425.86
NONDURABLE GOODS	130,700	130,500	131,900	41.9	42.0	40.5	10.71	10.76	10.63	448.75	451.92	430.52
Food & Kindred Products	37,600	37,300	37,800	43.8	43.7	40.8	10.41	10.70	10.86	455.96	467.59	443.09
Beverages	4,100	4,200	4,100	38.3	37.5	39.1	20.23	20.50	20.89	774.81	768.75	816.80
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	19,900	20,000	19,900	36.6	35.7	36.0	7.28	7.17	7.17	266.45	255.97	258.12
Paper & Allied Products	11,900	11,900	11,600	44.2	44.5	43.2	11.03	10.90	11.01	487.53	485.05	475.63
Chemicals & Allied Products	14,200	14,300	14,100	48.1	48.6	49.0	14.87	14.85	14.49	715.25	721.71	710.01
Leather & Leather Products	7,700	7,800	10,200	34.3	35.3	34.1	7.61	7.61	7.13	261.02	268.63	243.13
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	1,334,100	1,331,700	1,284,600	33.0	33.0	33.1	9.34	9.36	9.17	308.22	308.88	303.53
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	117,000	116,100	115,400	38.1	38.0	39.7	13.61	13.76	13.23	518.54	522.88	525.23
TRADE	518,600	517,000	508,800	32.5	32.6	32.0	8.04	8.09	7.89	261.30	263.73	252.48
WHOLESALE TRADE	114,000	114,400	113,500	39.7	39.5	39.6	11.37	11.46	11.06	451.39	452.67	437.98
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	61,000	61,100	61,200	40.2	39.9	40.3	11.70	11.81	11.67	470.34	471.22	470.30
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	53,000	53,300	52,300	39.1	39.0	38.7	10.98	11.06	10.31	429.32	431.34	399.00
RETAIL TRADE	404,600	402,600	395,300	30.5	30.7	29.8	6.82	6.86	6.69	208.01	210.60	199.36
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	111,300	111,700	107,500	36.6	36.5	37.6	10.96	10.95	10.38	401.14	399.67	390.29
SERVICES	587,200	586,900	552,900	31.7	31.6	31.8	9.15	9.13	9.01	290.06	288.51	286.52

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

Seasonal changes accounted for most of the movement in the St. Louis MSA labor market between July and August. The civilian labor force showed the expected decrease as summer job seekers prepared to return to school. Both total unemployment and the unemployment rate were unchanged over the month. Total employment and nonfarm payroll employment were lower in August; seasonal job losses in government, recreational services and construction exceeded gains in manufacturing. While significant changes were limited over the month, major improvement continued in the labor market over the past 12 months. Unemployment decreased substantially, despite an increase in the labor force, dropping the unemployment rate sharply. Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 32,300 over the year, with major gains in construction, transportation, utilities, business services, and engineering and management services. 12-month job losses continued in manufacturing, although at a lower level.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment increased by 1,900 from July 1994 to August 1994. Gains in industrial machinery and transportation equipment resulted from returns to full production after vacation shutdowns. A gain of 400 jobs in printing and publishing reflected an upturn in business. Over the year, manufacturing employment was down by 1,400, with losses concentrated in motor vehicles, aircraft, leather goods and chemicals. Food products, printing, and construction-related manufacturing (lumber, furniture, fabricated metal and industrial machinery) added jobs over the year.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment decreased by 5,500 between July and August. Job losses in local government (mostly school districts), recreational services and construction were seasonal in nature. The baseball strike caused the loss of several hundred vending jobs in retail trade. Over the year, nonmanufacturing industries added 33,700 jobs. Construction, business services, transportation, engineering and management services, and communications and utilities added substantial numbers of jobs between August 1993 and August 1994.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate traditionally goes down between August and September as schools reopen. Seasonal unemployment should hit a low point for the year in September 1994. However, the baseball strike will cause job losses in retail trade, real estate and services. The unemployment rate in September 1994 is expected to be 4.5 percent.

Comparability of Labor Force Data

The entire statewide labor force series has been revised back to 1978. Because of changes in population controls, data for 1990-93, except for the unemployment rate, are not directly comparable to data for earlier years.

Substate labor force data are being revised back to 1990. The 1990-93 labor force data appearing in tables or graphs in this issue include these revisions, but some data are still provisional (unofficial) and subject to change.

Changes in the Current Population Survey have made 1994 data not directly comparable to data for any earlier year. This is true both for the state and for substate areas. As a result, pre-1994 data in tables and graphs have been shaded to indicate this noncomparability.

The revisions and comparability issues were more fully described in the January issue of Missouri Area Labor Trends.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — St. Louis MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	August 1994[P]	July 1994	August 1993	July 1994	August 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,213,500	1,216,500	1,180,600	-3,000	32,900
GOODS PRODUCING	262,400	260,600	253,900	1,800	8,500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	65,800	66,500	56,500	-700	9,300
General Building Contractors	16,100	15,800	13,700	300	2,400
Special Trade Contractors	42,100	43,000	35,400	-900	6,700
MANUFACTURING	196,600	194,100	197,400	2,500	-800
DURABLE GOODS	117,300	115,600	117,700	1,700	-400
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	6,500	6,400	5,800	100	700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	200
Primary Metal Industries	12,900	12,900	13,200	0	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	15,900	15,900	15,400	0	500
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	18,600	17,500	17,400	1,100	1,200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	10,700	10,600	10,300	100	400
Transportation Equipment	37,700	37,200	40,200	500	-2,500
Motor vehicles & equipment	11,600	11,100	12,800	500	-1,200
Aircraft & parts	25,500	25,500	26,700	0	-1,200
Instruments & Related Products	8,200	8,300	8,700	-100	-500
NONDURABLE GOODS	79,300	78,500	79,700	800	-400
Food & Kindred Products	21,200	21,000	20,800	200	400
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,600	0	-100
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	6,600	6,600	7,600	0	-1,000
Paper & Allied Products	6,200	6,100	6,000	100	200
Printing & Publishing	17,400	17,000	16,800	400	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	17,700	17,700	18,500	0	-800
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics Products	10,200	10,100	10,000	100	200
SERVICE PRODUCING	951,100	955,900	926,700	-4,800	24,400
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	818,100	818,800	793,600	-700	24,500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	81,000	80,500	76,500	500	4,500
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	31,100	30,700	29,100	400	2,000
Railroad Transportation	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	20,100	19,900	19,700	200	400
Transportation by Air	11,900	12,000	11,400	-100	500
TRADE	289,000	289,200	285,600	-200	3,400
WHOLESALE TRADE	68,300	68,400	67,300	-100	1,000
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	41,200	41,200	40,500	0	700
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	27,100	27,200	26,800	-100	300
RETAIL TRADE	220,700	220,800	218,300	-100	2,400
Building materials & garden supplies	8,600	8,700	8,500	-100	100
General merchandise stores	30,600	30,600	30,400	0	200
Food stores	34,000	33,800	32,700	200	1,300
Automotive dealers/service stations	23,200	23,000	22,100	200	1,100
Apparel & accessory stores	12,200	12,200	12,600	0	-400
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	8,800	8,800	8,300	0	500
Eating & drinking places	81,000	81,700	82,000	-700	-1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	74,900	75,000	74,700	-100	200
Depository Institutions	21,600	21,700	23,000	-100	-1,400
Nondepository Institutions	6,900	6,800	6,200	100	700
Insurance Carriers	15,300	15,300	15,800	0	-500
Insurance Agents, Brokers	7,100	7,000	6,800	100	300
Real Estate	14,000	14,000	13,500	0	500
SERVICES	373,200	374,100	356,800	-900	16,400
Personal Services	14,500	14,400	13,900	100	600
Business Services	69,400	69,400	63,700	0	5,700
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	12,800	12,600	11,500	200	1,300
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	24,000	24,800	22,900	-800	1,100
Health Services	118,800	118,600	116,800	200	2,000
Hospitals (private)	60,500	60,500	61,300	0	-800
Legal Services	8,500	8,600	8,600	-100	-100
Educational Services (private)	29,400	29,200	28,300	200	1,100
Social Services	23,200	23,100	22,100	100	1,100
Membership Organizations	21,200	21,700	20,900	-500	300
Engineering & Management Services	26,000	25,800	23,200	200	2,800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	133,000	137,100	133,100	-4,100	-100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	34,800	35,000	35,600	-200	-800
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	19,600	19,600	19,200	0	400
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	78,600	82,500	78,300	-3,900	300

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — St. Louis MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	181,900	180,400	169,300	41.2	41.9	40.6	$15.47	$15.64	$15.00	$637.36	$655.32	$609.00
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	52,900	53,600	44,000	39.6	40.1	35.8	20.24	20.91	19.20	801.50	838.49	687.36
MANUFACTURING	129,000	126,800	125,300	41.9	42.6	42.3	13.62	13.55	13.76	570.68	577.23	582.05
DURABLE GOODS	73,700	72,400	73,600	42.6	43.4	42.3	14.12	14.17	14.46	601.51	614.98	611.66
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	4,900	4,700	4,300	41.6	45.4	41.5	9.39	9.13	9.68	390.62	414.50	401.72
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,400	2,400	2,200	34.5	40.7	37.4	12.88	14.27	12.26	444.36	580.79	458.52
Primary Metal Industries	9,700	9,500	9,600	45.8	46.5	42.0	14.07	14.28	14.19	644.41	664.02	595.98
Fabricated Metal Products	12,300	12,200	11,500	42.2	42.6	42.3	13.51	13.70	13.69	570.12	583.62	579.09
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	11,900	11,200	11,100	40.8	42.0	41.7	12.66	12.57	12.72	516.53	527.94	530.42
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	6,900	7,000	6,700	38.6	40.7	40.9	9.84	9.40	9.79	379.82	382.58	400.41
Transportation Equipment	19,700	19,200	21,900	45.8	45.6	44.7	18.67	18.91	19.07	855.09	862.30	852.43
Motor vehicles & equipment	10,300	9,700	11,100	51.8	48.2	47.5	19.46	19.44	18.98	1008.03	937.01	901.55
Instruments & Related Products	3,700	3,700	3,600	42.9	39.4	39.8	11.44	11.72	12.38	490.78	461.77	492.72
NONDURABLE GOODS	55,300	54,400	51,700	40.9	41.6	42.2	12.91	12.69	12.75	528.02	527.90	538.05
Food & Kindred Products	14,900	14,600	14,200	38.7	40.1	39.9	15.43	14.28	14.16	597.14	572.63	564.98
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	5,600	5,300	6,000	38.4	38.6	37.4	7.55	7.59	7.79	289.92	292.97	291.35
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	4,900	5,000	46.3	49.0	46.5	12.16	12.13	11.50	563.01	594.37	534.75
Printing & Publishing	11,500	11,200	10,500	41.1	41.5	40.1	12.77	12.70	12.77	524.85	527.05	512.08
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,900	11,100	8,900	42.1	41.7	50.2	14.71	15.02	13.80	619.29	626.33	692.76
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics Products	7,400	7,300	7,000	41.5	41.9	40.5	10.03	9.99	13.17	416.25	418.58	533.39
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	680,600	682,000	658,700	32.5	32.3	32.4	9.99	9.98	9.79	324.68	322.35	317.20
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	63,000	62,300	59,500	36.3	36.8	39.3	13.52	13.41	13.34	490.78	493.49	524.26
TRADE	255,400	256,700	252,800	32.1	31.7	31.5	9.20	9.23	8.81	295.32	292.59	277.52
WHOLESALE TRADE	56,000	56,500	55,500	40.8	39.7	39.6	12.83	12.77	11.89	523.46	506.97	470.84
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	33,500	33,600	33,200	40.6	40.0	40.7	12.10	12.21	11.63	491.26	488.40	473.34
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	22,500	22,900	22,300	41.1	39.3	38.0	13.91	13.61	12.30	571.70	534.87	467.40
RETAIL TRADE	199,400	200,200	197,300	29.6	29.4	29.2	7.79	7.88	7.64	230.58	231.67	223.09
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	54,100	54,400	53,500	35.8	35.9	36.2	10.81	10.71	10.12	387.00	384.49	366.34
SERVICES	308,100	308,600	292,900	31.6	31.4	31.2	9.67	9.65	9.66	305.57	303.01	301.39

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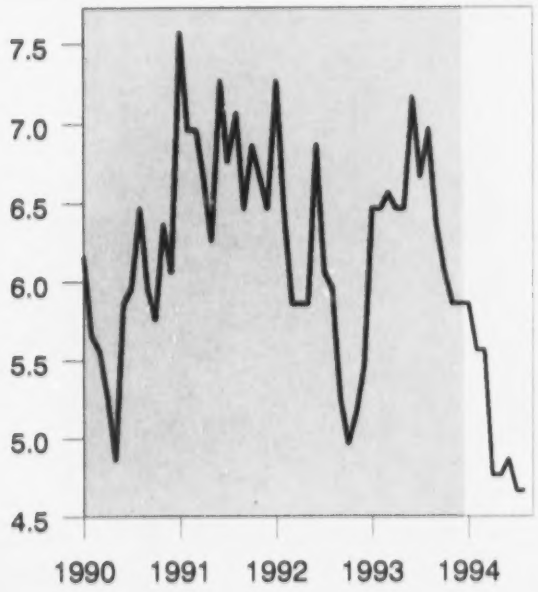
St. Louis MSA Unemployment Rate



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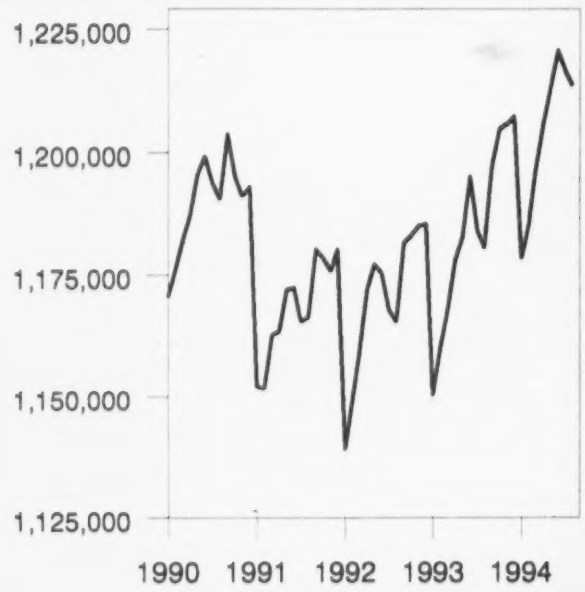

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Conditions

Unemployment in the Kansas City metropolitan area edged back up to 4.7 percent of the labor force, after temporarily dipping to 4.5 percent in July. The total number of unemployed was 42,400, an increase of 700 over the July jobless count. That number is well below the average increase experienced during August. Seasonal losses in government, plus losses in services; finance, insurance and real estate; and air transportation contributed to the increase in unemployment.

The area's civilian labor force declined by 10,000 in August to 910,100, and employment dipped by 10,600 to 867,800. Both levels are still near their historical highs, however.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

The number of nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 900 in August to a total of 827,000 jobs. The relatively moderate expansion follows the first monthly decline the area experienced this year. A substantial part of the increase reflects the return to work of 1,700 auto assembly workers, who had been on a retooling layoff. With the exception of trade, most of the gain over the month was in the goods-producing industries, while the bulk of the losses occurred in the service-producing industries.

Manufacturing employment rose to 106,200. The 1,300 jobs added in manufacturing accounted for the largest increase over the month. The reopening of an area plant after retooling pushed transportation equipment employment up by 1,700 to 7,600 jobs. Small gains were also recorded in the paper; stone, clay and glass; electronic equipment; and food manufacturing industries. Offsetting their gains were losses in fabricated metals, which lost 400 jobs in August after an eight month upswing, and chemicals, which continued its downward slide with another 100 jobs lost over the month. Despite these losses, manufacturing gained 1,100 jobs over last year's total, with the bulk of the expansion in the nondurable goods industries.

The construction industry continued to post advances, adding another 500 jobs, primarily in heavy construction. After seven straight months of continuous expansion totaling 9,400 jobs, the industry has reached total employment of 41,200 jobs. Among the service-producing industries only retail trade registered a net gain in August. The recovery of 300 jobs in eating and drinking places and small broadly scattered increases across the industry contributed to retail trade adding 800 jobs, for a total of 146,000 jobs in August. Gains in eating and drinking places, as well as general merchandise and food stores, led to retail trade growth of 2,600 jobs over the year.

Wholesale trade remained at a relatively high 57,700 job total in August, a slight increase over the July level. With two-thirds of the growth in durable goods, wholesale trade recorded 1,200 more jobs than in August 1993.

The bulk of the nonfarm payroll losses over the month occurred in the services industry, which lost 1,200 jobs. Broadly scattered declines in amusement and recreation, health services, personal services, and membership organizations, among others, contributed to services employment falling to 227,300. Only business services and automotive repair services registered higher employment over the month. Business services has expanded by 2,000 jobs since January and accounts for half of the 4,800 service industry jobs added over the year.

Continued federal reductions and local school losses contributed to 300 fewer government jobs in August. Modest increases in state government and the temporary hiring of election workers offset part of the losses. Over the year, local government expansion and moderate state government increases offset the federal government reductions, resulting in a net gain of 5,100 jobs in government.

Transportation, communications and utilities fell by 300 jobs over the month as a result of cutbacks in the air transportation industry. The industry has lost 500 jobs since August of last year.

Finance, insurance and real estate experienced small losses in August, but has gained 800 jobs since August 1993, as gains in insurance and real estate offset moderate losses in the banking industry.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Unemployment is expected to fall in September as the reopening of area schools produces a substantial reduction in the area's labor force. In addition to the normal employment gains in government and school-related transportation, employment increases are also expected in manufacturing as additional auto assemblers are scheduled to resume production work. Employment declines are expected in amusement and recreation, retail trade and construction.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Kansas City MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	August 1994[P]	July 1994	August 1993	July 1994	August 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	827,000	826,100	806,300	900	20,700
GOODS PRODUCING	147,400	145,400	141,200	2,000	6,200
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	41,200	40,700	36,100	500	5,100
General Building Contractors	8,300	8,300	7,100	0	1,200
Special Trade Contractors	25,800	25,800	23,100	0	2,700
MANUFACTURING	106,200	104,700	105,100	1,500	1,100
DURABLE GOODS	48,600	47,300	48,400	1,300	200
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,600	3,600	100	100
Fabricated Metal Products	12,300	12,700	12,600	-400	-300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	7,900	7,900	7,900	0	0
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	7,400	7,300	7,200	100	200
Transportation Equipment	7,600	5,900	7,400	1,700	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	57,600	57,400	56,700	200	900
Food & Kindred Products	8,800	8,700	8,500	100	300
Paper & Allied Products	6,500	6,300	6,200	200	300
Printing & Publishing	23,600	23,600	22,800	0	800
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,900	9,000	9,500	-100	-600
SERVICE PRODUCING	679,600	680,700	665,100	-1,100	14,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	558,400	559,200	549,000	-800	9,400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	63,900	64,200	63,900	-300	0
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25,300	25,400	25,300	-100	0
Railroad Transportation	4,900	4,900	4,500	0	400
Trucking & Warehousing	19,500	19,400	19,400	100	100
Transportation by Air	6,700	7,000	7,200	-300	-500
TRADE	203,700	202,800	199,900	900	3,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	57,700	57,600	56,500	100	1,200
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	35,100	35,000	34,300	100	800
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	22,600	22,600	22,200	0	400
RETAIL TRADE	146,000	145,200	143,400	800	2,600
Building materials & garden supplies	7,200	7,300	6,800	-100	400
General merchandise stores	21,400	21,300	20,800	100	600
Food stores	19,200	19,100	18,700	100	500
Automotive dealers/service stations	16,700	16,600	16,400	100	300
Apparel & accessory stores	6,400	6,300	6,400	100	0
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	5,700	5,700	5,300	0	400
Eating & drinking places	53,300	53,000	52,200	300	1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	63,500	63,700	62,700	-200	800
Depository Institutions	15,000	15,100	15,300	-100	-300
SERVICES	227,300	228,500	222,500	-1,200	4,800
Personal Services	10,300	10,500	9,900	-200	400
Business Services	51,900	51,600	49,500	300	2,400
Automotive & miscellaneous repair services	10,100	10,000	9,900	100	200
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	16,100	16,500	15,300	-400	800
Health Services	64,100	64,500	64,300	-400	-200
Legal Services	6,800	6,900	6,900	-100	-100
Educational Services (private)	6,600	6,700	6,300	-100	300
Social Services	13,100	13,100	12,600	0	500
Membership Organizations	13,900	14,100	13,600	-200	300
Engineering & Management Services	21,400	21,500	21,200	-100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	121,200	121,500	116,100	-300	5,100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	31,200	31,900	31,600	-700	-400
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	19,300	18,900	18,300	400	1,000
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	70,700	70,700	66,200	0	4,500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Kansas City MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	106,100	103,800	99,400	42.5	41.6	40.4	$14.86	$14.78	$14.26	$631.55	$614.85	$576.10
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	32,800	32,400	28,000	40.9	40.7	38.9	17.96	17.71	17.39	734.56	720.80	676.47
MANUFACTURING	73,300	71,400	71,400	43.2	42.0	40.9	13.54	13.49	13.09	584.93	566.58	535.38
DURABLE GOODS	34,700	33,000	33,800	44.3	42.0	40.9	14.57	14.52	13.89	645.45	609.84	568.10
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	2,700	2,700	2,600	43.2	36.7	41.3	9.19	11.13	9.24	397.01	408.47	381.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,900	2,800	2,800	45.0	46.6	39.5	12.48	12.56	12.91	561.60	585.30	509.95
Fabricated Metal Products	7,000	7,200	6,900	41.0	38.6	40.8	13.39	13.35	13.28	548.99	515.31	541.82
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5,900	5,900	5,500	43.8	41.1	40.7	12.85	12.76	12.47	562.83	524.44	507.53
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	5,700	5,500	5,400	42.5	42.1	41.5	14.39	13.81	12.43	611.58	581.40	515.85
Transportation Equipment	6,500	4,800	6,600	47.4	43.7	37.0	19.55	20.89	18.79	926.67	912.89	695.23
NONDURABLE GOODS	38,600	38,400	37,600	42.3	41.9	41.0	12.58	12.61	12.36	532.13	528.36	506.76
Food & Kindred Products	7,100	7,000	6,600	43.6	43.2	39.9	11.45	11.38	12.39	499.22	491.62	494.36
Paper & Allied Products	5,000	4,900	5,000	44.0	43.0	38.4	11.54	11.61	11.92	507.76	499.23	457.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	3,700	3,700	3,800	38.8	39.2	41.4	17.70	17.28	17.27	686.76	677.38	714.98
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	456,800	456,000	445,700	33.9	34.3	34.4	10.21	10.31	10.16	346.12	353.63	349.50
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	34,600	34,900	34,700	38.8	39.7	41.5	15.20	15.62	16.42	589.76	620.11	681.43
TRADE	176,200	175,400	172,400	33.6	34.3	33.0	8.15	8.20	8.49	273.84	281.26	280.17
WHOLESALE TRADE	47,100	46,900	46,000	38.6	38.7	40.7	11.13	11.34	11.79	429.62	438.86	479.85
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	28,800	28,600	28,100	39.9	39.7	41.3	10.86	11.12	11.97	433.31	441.46	494.36
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	18,300	18,300	17,900	36.5	37.2	39.9	11.60	11.71	11.50	423.40	435.61	458.85
RETAIL TRADE	129,100	128,500	126,400	31.8	32.7	30.2	6.84	6.85	6.87	217.51	224.00	207.47
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	50,200	50,400	49,000	37.6	38.0	39.4	10.68	10.85	10.30	401.57	412.30	405.82
SERVICES	195,800	195,300	189,600	32.3	32.2	33.2	10.95	10.98	10.21	353.68	353.56	338.97

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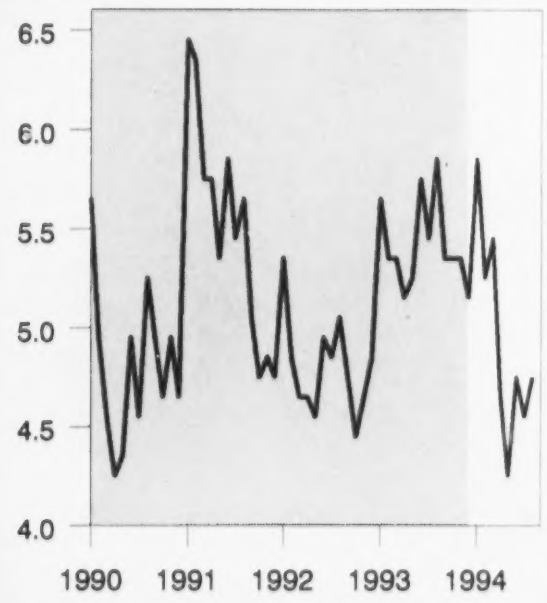

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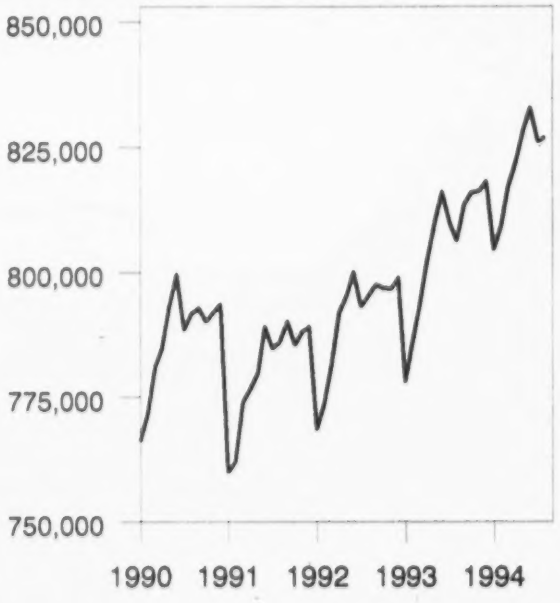

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Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA unemployment rate edged up two-tenths of a percentage point from July to 3.2 percent in August. The estimated number of unemployed persons increased from 4,600 in July to 4,900 in August.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment remained the same as the July employment at 142,900. Manufacturing employment rose from 21,500 to 21,900 in August. In the nonmanufacturing sector, August job gains in trade came to 400; the total now stands 1,000 above the year-ago level of 39,700. Local government decreased 600 from July to 8,300 in August.

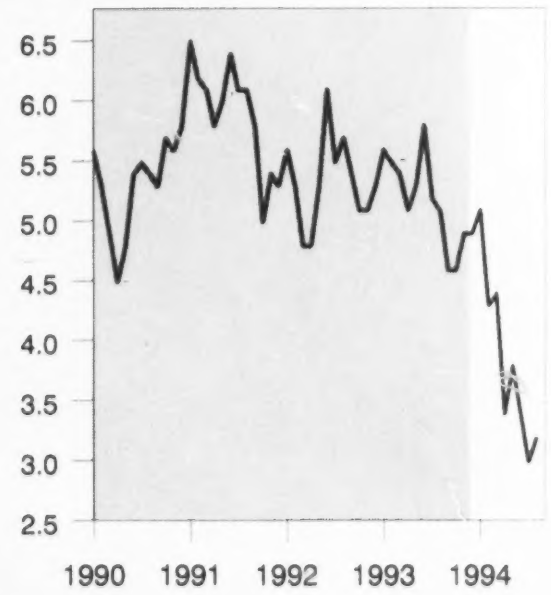
Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers in August came to $10.05, down five cents from July. The average factory work week increased 0.8 hours from July to 41.8 hours in August.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

The rate of unemployment should show a slight to moderate drop as students withdraw from the labor force and schools increase their work force. Payroll employment is expected to post a significant seasonal increase in September. Most of the gain will be due to the opening of state and local schools as the fall term begins.

Springfield MSA Unemployment Rate



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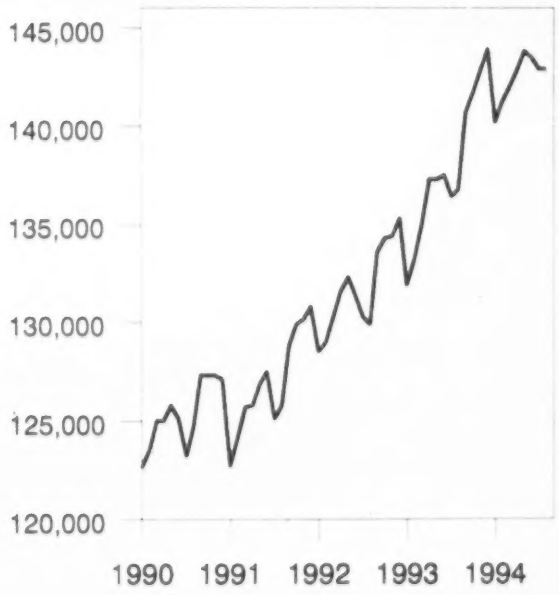

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Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Springfield MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	August 1994[P]	July 1994	August 1993	July 1994	August 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	142,900	142,900	136,800	0	6,100
GOODS PRODUCING	28,200	28,000	27,100	200	1,100
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6,300	6,500	6,200	-200	100
MANUFACTURING	21,900	21,500	20,900	400	1,000
DURABLE GOODS	10,200	10,000	9,800	200	400
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,500	2,400	2,400	100	100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
NONDURABLE GOODS	11,700	11,500	11,100	200	600
Paper & Allied Products	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	114,700	114,900	109,700	-200	5,000
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	99,700	99,300	94,800	400	4,900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,400	8,400	8,200	0	200
Railroad Transportation	900	900	800	0	100
TRADE	41,700	41,300	39,700	400	2,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	200
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,600	0	200
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	30,900	30,500	29,100	400	1,800
Eating & drinking places	11,500	11,400	10,700	100	800
Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places	19,400	19,100	18,400	300	1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	6,500	6,500	6,200	0	300
SERVICES	43,100	43,100	40,700	0	2,400
Personal & Business Services	10,200	10,500	8,400	-300	1,800
Health Services	16,500	16,500	16,500	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,000	15,600	14,900	-600	100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	-100
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	8,300	8,900	8,200	-600	100

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Springfield MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994[P]	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	21,300	21,400	20,500	41.0	39.9	41.5	$10.71	$10.71	$10.65	$439.11	$427.33	$441.98
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4,900	5,100	4,800	38.4	36.7	39.6	13.10	12.86	13.15	503.04	471.96	520.74
MANUFACTURING	16,400	16,300	15,700	41.8	41.0	42.1	10.05	10.10	9.93	420.09	414.10	418.05
DURABLE GOODS	7,700	7,600	7,500	41.7	40.0	41.1	10.23	10.36	10.11	426.59	414.40	415.52
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	1,700	1,700	1,600	41.4	41.6	42.3	11.63	11.79	11.42	481.48	490.46	483.07
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	2,300	2,300	2,300	43.2	39.0	41.1	9.57	9.63	9.48	413.42	375.57	389.63
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,700	8,700	8,200	41.9	41.8	43.0	9.89	9.89	9.78	414.39	413.40	420.54
Paper & Allied Products	1,100	1,100	1,100	38.8	39.8	45.6	11.63	11.76	11.12	451.24	468.05	507.07
Printing & Publishing	1,300	1,400	1,400	37.9	38.7	37.8	10.39	10.31	9.97	393.78	399.00	376.87
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	83,600	82,900	78,400	34.4	34.4	34.8	7.86	7.90	7.62	270.38	271.76	265.18
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	6,900	6,900	6,800	39.9	41.5	36.2	12.65	12.41	10.51	504.74	515.02	380.46
TRADE	37,800	37,300	35,800	33.0	33.1	33.1	7.63	7.70	7.59	251.79	254.87	251.23
WHOLESALE TRADE	9,300	9,200	9,000	39.9	40.2	39.2	11.17	11.37	10.99	445.68	457.07	430.81
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	5,000	4,900	4,700	40.0	40.0	39.5	9.11	9.33	9.25	364.40	373.20	365.38
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	4,300	4,300	4,300	39.7	40.5	38.9	13.55	13.68	12.90	537.94	554.04	501.81
RETAIL TRADE	28,500	28,100	26,800	30.8	30.8	31.1	6.14	6.13	6.16	189.11	188.80	191.58
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	5,200	5,100	4,700	39.0	39.2	38.9	6.51	6.64	7.19	253.89	260.29	279.69
SERVICES	33,700	33,600	31,100	34.1	33.7	35.8	7.19	7.22	7.07	245.18	243.31	253.11

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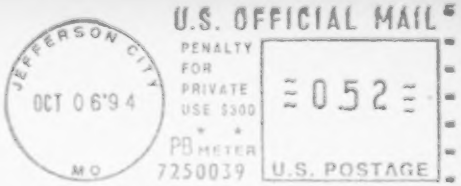

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